

Welshmen out to ko Cardiff!

GEOFF ANTHONY and **Dylan Evans** — both schoolmasters and Welsh amateur internationals — go back to Wales tomorrow intent on removing one of their country's sides from the FA Cup.

They play for Isthmian League Wycombe Wanderers against Cardiff. And the game has a special significance for Anthony, who spent a year in the reserves at Ninian Park.

"It's always an occasion to return to one of your former clubs," he says. "Even so I don't feel I have anything to prove."

Anthony declined to turn professional because he doubted whether he would make the grade.

Living

Nottingham Forest — then in the First Division — clearly never shared those doubts, for they offered him a tempting contract.

"I'm glad now that I did not take the plunge, because I would hate to depend on full-time football for a living," he said.

Evans's parents took him away from the Rugby stronghold of Llanelli when he was six weeks old — and he has never lived there since. But he said:

"I still regard myself as a true Welshman. I have lots of relatives in Wales, and they'll all be at Ninian Park to cheer me on."



GEOFF ANTHONY
ex-Cardiff

WYCOMBE WANDERERS' left-back Ray Eaton, injured against Hayes in November, may return to the side tonight (Tuesday) when the Blues take on Southall in the Rothmans Isthmian League Division One at Loakes Park.

Ray dislocated his shoulder in the Hayes game and it was not until a couple of days later that it was revealed a bone had also been chipped. He carried the arm rather noticeably against Thame last Thursday, but played

the full 90 minutes. On Saturday he came on as substitute after 66 minutes at Buckingham.

Wanderers must be worried about the threat Willie Anderson will pose to their full-backs at Cardiff on Saturday and may

want to play Eaton instead of Dave Bullock at Ninian Park. Much will depend on Eaton's performance tonight. Whoever plays at Cardiff, they can expect a really testing time against Anderson.

The Blues are expected to have their regular players back tonight after giving squad men Derek Harris, Derek Cotterill and Peter Spittle a game on Saturday in the county cup. John Maskell, Terry Reardon, Tony Horseman and Geoff Anthony all had a rest from the game but should return against Southall.

With several cup competitions now underway there has been little league activity recently, but this match is important to Wycombe for they could take over second position if they win, going one point clear of Hendon. Remembering how they won the league title last year after the F.A. Cup run was over, they cannot afford any mistakes against Southall.

Wanderers could count themselves a little unfortunate not to have an away victory at Southall already tucked under their belts. They were held to a 1-1 draw at Western Road and Southall only equalised in the last few minutes after an incident where the referee overruled his linesman. Wycombe were not too unhappy, however, for their goal was lucky, Tony Horseman's cross hitting an upright for Dylan Evans to score.

There could be a couple of changes in the Southall side. They hope to sign veteran Gerry O'Rourke this week and also Keith Baker from Molesey — a former Southall player.

Undoubtedly Southall's top player is Alan Devonshire, who looked a class above his teammates in the earlier game. He will need watching carefully tonight.

Cardiff 'special'

WHILE Wycombe Wanderers were disposing of Buckingham in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup on Saturday, their F.A. Cup opponents Cardiff City were doing an equally good demolition job on Third Division Millwall.

Cardiff won 3-1 with Gil Reece, one of their Welsh internationals, scoring two goals and Tony Evans the other.

'Free Press' sports editor, Stuart Earp was at the game to take a look at the Cardiff side and he will be giving his views on Wycombe's chances in a special two page supplement in Friday's Bucks Free Press.

The supplement will also include a comprehensive run down on Cardiff, pen pictures of all the players plus pictures and an article of the history of the club.

Don't forget your copy!



Welshman at Wycombe who just can't win

By **PETER JACKSON**

GEOFF ANTHONY goes home to Wales on Saturday ready to offer Cardiff his sincerest apologies should Wycombe Wanderers leave Ninian Park with the most improbable FA Cup win of the second round.

Whatever the outcome, Chesham High School's 28-year-old history master will be on a loser.

Enthusiastic

Anthony, capped 15 times as a Welsh amateur, said: 'I have mixed feelings. It's nice to be going back to Ninian Park, but not so nice for a patriotic Welshman like myself to be trying to knock the last surviving Welsh team out of the Cup.'

The Wycombe striker made his Cardiff debut ten years ago alongside John Charles in a reserve team featuring a 16-year-old centre forward called John Toshack and a thin boy with

a squeaky voice named Leighton Phillips.

While both youngsters stayed long enough to be transferred for six-figure fees, Anthony made do with one season as an enthusiastic amateur, deciding instead to go to university in his native Swansea.

Wycombe manager Brian Lee will tell his players at tonight's training session that he doesn't think they have any chance of winning.

'There are too many kidders in this game,' he said.

'The only way in management is to be honest and realistic. I am being realistic, not pessimistic, in saying that Cardiff will win, based on the premise that we both play as well as we can.'

Lee, whose Rothman's Isthmian League club have lost four members of the side who took Middlesbrough to a replay last year, will resign 'before the end of the season' to concentrate on his work as a director of the Bisham Abbey sports centre.



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